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The majority of Kentucky's older people live with someone else, own their homes, and they enjoy a reasonably good diet and are fairly satisfied with their lives.

This information and much more is revealed in a survey of Kentucky's oldest-old people that they need in services and programs. The survey was conducted by the Urban Studies Center of the University of Louisville for the Department for Human Resources.

Home Resources Inventory: Peter Coen released the survey results today.

In some instances, what older people said about what they needed or wanted seemed to contradict the facts of their lives. For example, 96 per cent of them said they had a good diet and were satisfied with their present eating habits. However, 25 per cent reported that they ate two meals a day or less. As to what they had eaten on the previous day, from one-quarter to one-half of those questioned said they had not had an item from each major food groups as green vegetables, fruit or other vegetables or eggs.

People who are disabled had incomes of less than \$4,000 per year or who were 75 or older usually had more difficulties and less satisfaction than other people did. This was true in other basic areas of the survey as well as in the nutrition portion.

While 41 per cent of the older people owned their own homes only 41 per cent regarded the house as a possible asset

which could be used in an emergency. Also, only 39 per cent said their homes did not need repairs. Over half (53 per cent) said their homes needed minor repairs and one-fifth said major repairs were necessary. Again, disabled individuals and those in the lowest income bracket were more likely to need home repairs. Almost one-half of the under-\$4,000 group reported their homes needed major repairs.

Most older people are not employed and do not want jobs. However, nine out of ten said they believed that if they did want to work, they would probably not be hired simply because of their age.

Fred Schulte and Dr. James M. Brockway of the Urban Studies Center and Dr. Stanley A. Marrill of U of L's Department of Psychology presented the highlights of the information yesterday to Human Resources staff members, representatives of the Institute for Aging, planners for area agencies on aging and others working on behalf of older people. The Institute for Aging is a citizen's group which advises the secretary of the Department for Human Resources.

Schulte is director of survey research for the center. He said that the survey had four objectives: to profile older Kentuckians and their life situations, to identify their needs and what barriers

existed in meeting those needs; to measure how aware people were of programs and services and how such use they made of them; and to develop statistical information on Kentucky's aging population.

The survey questionnaire covered 13 topics: housing, transportation, mental health, life satisfaction, social activities, physical health, nutrition, employment and retirement, crime and victimization, recreation, income and assets, desired discount services and independent housing situations, not in institutions.

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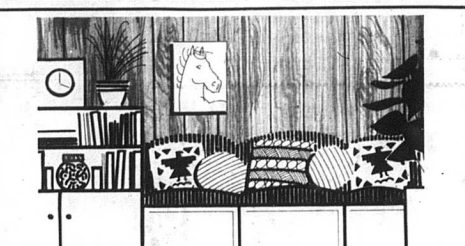
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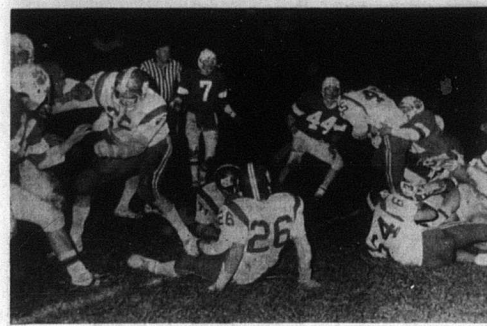
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**Hunter leads Jackets in '78 scoring, rushing**

Top stinger

A Beechwood defender tackles Randy Hunter (41) after the senior Bluejackets running back cracked through the line for some yardage in the Region Three title game. Opening the hole for Hunter were Jacks Tim Moreland (54), Ron Rozer (38), Jeff Elder (71), and James Anderson (45). Beechwood won 17-15. — Mercury photo.

By Kay Oesley

Scoring for the Bluejackets were Randy Hunter 77 points, Gary Williams 29 points, Tim Ockerman 18 points, Tim Moreland 18 points, David McEliffy, Mike Berry, Mike Sowell, each had 12 points, Ron Rozer, Harwood Koury, and James Anderson had six points each. Pat Letcher scored two points and there was one team safety for two points — Total 196 points.

The offensive leader for the year was Randy Hunter carrying 184 times for 773 yards. David McEliffy followed carrying 89 times for 495 yards. Mike Berry carried 68 times for 253 yards, Ron Rozer carried 61 times for 229 yards, Mike Sowell carried 45 times for 218 yards, and Greg Wills carried 32 times for 78 yards. Tim Moreland picked 10 of 16 extra points successfully.

Ron Rozer led Nicholas County defense with 135 tackles, three interceptions, and recovered two fumbles. Kevin Gibbons followed with 122 tackles and three recovered fumbles. Rudy Randolph had 80 tackles; Tom Moreland had 77 tackles and recovered four fumbles; James Anderson had 63 tackles and recovered one fumble; Tim Ockerman had 51 tackles, two interceptions, and one safety; Gary Williams had 47 tackles, two interceptions, and one safety; Tim Carter had 44 tackles and one interception; Jeff Elder had 44 tackles; Greg Wills had 23 tackles, one interception, and one recovered fumble; Tim Moreland had 30 tackles and recovered one fumble; Randy Hunter had 24 tackles and recovered two fumbles, and Mike Berry had 23 tackles and blocked one punt.

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